Health

Vaginal infection few women escape

Every year over five million women develop a vaginal infection which brings them to a physician. Vaginitis may occur at any time from childhood to old age, but it is most common in women of childbearing age. An abnormal discharge is the major symptom and this is often accompanied by intense itching and a burning sensation.

Where is more than one type of vaginitis and the infection can usually be traced to a type of bacterial or fungal infection, or, in older women to hormonal changes. In recent years an allergy to vaginal sprays and the wearing of overly-tight underwear made of synthetic materials have been reported to contribute to irritation and infection.

Unfortunately, there is no way to eliminate the possibility of developing vaginitis completely. However, some preventive measures are possible and the following suggestions have proven effective:

— Bathe daily, gently cleansing the vaginal area with a soft, clean washcloth. Avoid strong detergent wash products.

— Adhere to directions for douching. If your preference is for a disposable douche, consider one that holds a full 13 ounces of fluid. This is the amount recommended by many gynecologists and other physicians as a minimum for thorough cleansing. Trichotine-D is one that contains no perfumes and is reported to relieve itching and odor. Because it is disposable, the possibility of reinfection from a previously used nozzle is eliminated.

— Keep the area clean and dry. For excessive perspiration, talcum powder is frequently helpful.

Virginia Social Whirl

By Estelle Clarke

The Richmond Bon Tons were recently treated to a most delightful and inspirational afternoon at the home of Bon Ton Christine Peterson.

In keeping with Black History month, the hostess invited club members to pay tribute to their black heritage at this meeting.

After the business session, dramatizations, poems, selected readings, African fashions and songs were examples of presentations given by members.

Bon Ton Christine, always a creative hostess, devised many unique games that were in keeping with the tribute to black history month. Many beautiful prizes were awarded to winners.

Members present were Bon Tons Judy Anderson, Frances Barnes, Myrna Carter, Jean Waller - Holmes, Elaine Malloy, Carlessa Sully, Barbara White, Annette Ward, Jackie Thomas and Susie Garnett.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Upsilon Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held an officers workshop in the Hibbs building at Virginia Commonwealth University. The participants enjoyed a repast of coffee and doughnuts.

During the regular monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 3, chaired by Florence Henderson, president, the chapter presented La Verne Cooper a gold gavel in recognition of two years service as outgoing chapter president.

The hostess committee, Jade Gray, chairperson served a delicious repast.

Upsilon Omega chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority had the opportunity to join Delta Omega and Alpha Epsilon chapters at a local inn in Petersburg on Sunday, Feb. 4, to celebrate the 85th Founders Day of Delta Omega chapter.

Recognition was given to charter members, 50 year members, 25 year members and life members.

Members of the Richmond chapter participating on the program were the chapter president Florence Henderson, who responded to the welcome and the chorale which rendered musicale selections directed by Perzella Goodwin.

Janet Ballard made a presentation to Leah Lewis, a founder of Upsilon Omega Chapter.

During the luncheon all members received beautiful engraved stickpins.

The Astoria Wives Club of Richmond held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Chamberlayne Parkway Branch of the YWCA.

Mrs. Barbara Smith, vice - president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Lucy Payne.

Mrs. Mary Dance, chairperson of the program committee, sponsored an educational program with Leon Jasper as guest speaker. Jasper, a member of Richmond's Fire Bureau and a volunteer for the Red Cross, gave a film presentation related to helpful household first aid techniques.

The Ways and Means Committee is sponsoring a trip to Pimlico Race Track, Saturday, April 14.

Cherry Blossom event announced

The Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the cherry blossom tree display in Branch Brook Park during the entire month of April 1979.

Among the activities surrounding this year's celebration will be a 10 km. run, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, through Branch Brook Park on April 22, and an Ethnic Fair on April 28 in Washington Park from noon until 4 p.m.

In addition, the Chamber has commissioned artist Judith Shahn of New Yorker magazine fame to do a commemorative print of the Newark Cherry Blossoms. The signed, silk-screen print which reflects the beauty and delicacy of these lovely trees will be done on rice paper in a limited edition of 150 copies.

At least 10 Newark organizations will join the Chamber in its April celebration by offering programs during the month. These include:

Theatre of Universal Images, Rutger's University, City Without Walls, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark Community Center of the Arts, Society for Community Development, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Newark Museum.

All of the events will be publicized with posters and community calendars. For further information on the run, ethnic fair and Judith Shahn print, please contact the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, 50 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey 07102. (201) 624-6088.

FEB. 22

The White House Conference on Small Business will hold a regional conference in Cherry Hill, N.J. Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Cherry Hill Inn.

John McAdoo of the University of Maryland School of Social Work will speak on "Parent and Preschool Child Interaction in Black Families" on Feb. 22 in the first of three seminars focusing on the black family at the Educational Testing Center, Rosedale Road, Princeton, N.J. Room P-016 of the Program Building.

Finger — food feasts — a teen blast

Teens are more convivial than people. Assemble more than two and there's a party afoot. Next time there's a teen blast at your house provide the youngsters with fondue fare. They'll love the informal fun of dunk cookery.

Doughnuts are a teen favorite, and that's just what you do the dunking with. Chunks of fresh doughnuts are speared on a fork, dipped into a hot Chocolate Sauce or hot Raspberry Sauce. Both are a snap to make, goofproof for the inexperienced cook. The chocolate mixture just requires chocolate pieces, butter, milk, corn syrup and vanilla. Prepare the sauce in the top of a double boiler, heat in a fondue pot over Sterno flame at serving time.

Use Sterno solid canned heat or liquid, depending on what your fondue units require. The canned heat is safe, smokeless, odorless. The liquid fuel burns with a clean blue flame and has a pleasant light lemon scent. When youngsters are cooking safety is always a factor, and the Sterno liquid is non-toxic and has a spillproof safety cap.

The mellow Raspberry Sauce is easy to make, too. It combines raspberry jam and jelly, orange juice and grated orange rind and you can make this right in the fondue pot.

Another finger-food treat that will find high favor with teens is Wingstick Dunk. They're economical chicken wings, browned in a skillet, glazed and served in a fondue pot. The wings are doubtable too — serve with ketchup or hot canned tomato sauce.

Chili con Queso, a Mexican hot cheese mixture, is another party hit. You can make the dish in the kitchen before party time, turn it into the fondue pot to keep piping hot at serving time. Serve with the traditional bowls of crisp corn chips.

Teens, fondue pots and dunk fare just naturally combine for fun parties.

Dunkin' Doughnuts

Chocolate Sauce:

1 jumbo package or 2 regular packages (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
¼ cup butter or margarine
One-third cup milk
¼ cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler. Stir in milk, corn syrup and vanilla; stir until smooth. At serving time, heat in small fondue saucepan over low Sterno flame. Spear pieces of doughnuts on fondue forks and dunk in sauce.

Yield: 1¼ cups.

Raspberry Sauce

1 cup raspberry jam
1 cup raspberry jelly
¼ cup orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Mix together all ingredients in a small fondue saucepan over Sterno flame. Heat and stir until smooth. Spear pieces of doughnuts on fondue forks and dunk in sauce.

Yield: 2¼ cups.

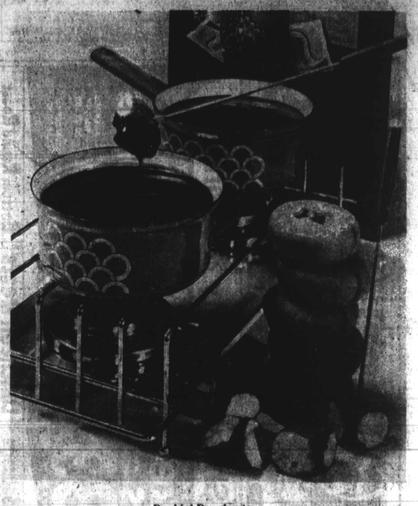
Chili Con Queso

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup chopped onion
1 can (1 pound) tomatoes, drained
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons flour
¼ cup milk
1 can (4 ounces) peeled green chilies, drained and chopped
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
2 cups (½ pound) shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese

Melt butter in a large saucepan, add onion and cook until tender. Add tomatoes and bay leaf. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Make a paste of the flour and milk; add to saucepan. Simmer 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf.

Add green chilies, salt, Tabasco and cheese. Stir until cheese melts. Pour into fondue pot and keep warm over Sterno flame. Serve with corn chips.

Yield: 1¼ cups.



Dunkin' Doughnuts

Mabs' Diary

Judge Thompson's reception and Omega Mardi Gras capture spotlight

By Mabs Kemp

"They are like an ocean of waves," I thought as I stood at the top of the spiral stairs of the Sheraton's Ballroom looking down upon the 2,000 humans swaying and swaying on the dance floor below. Another hundred or so were seated both off the dance floor and on the balcony above.

Twenty - two consecutive years of the Omega Mardi Gras with several generations of Omega men partying in the true Mardi Gras tradition for dear old Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. I thought to myself. . . "Some of these guys were just kids when the Omega Mardi Gras was conceived."

And in retrospect my mind wandered to the time when the National Guard Armory practically burst at the seams with the same kind of revelry. You just weren't with it if you didn't get invited to the OMG. Oftentimes snow was knee deep and many times we had to slide on ice from the car to the door, but we went and balled till the wee hours of the morning.

In those days there were hundreds of costumes in competition; as many as 15 and 20 pretty girls vying for the "Miss Omega" title; and, the pageantry of the grand march was a spectacle to behold. I could go on and on about OMG of those years, but back to 1979 and the Sheraton Park where the scence was set and has been for a number of years - since 1974 to be - exact.

Costume competitors this year were just as colorful, however, but far from as numerous as in the Armory days. Some ingredients remained the same: Everybody was having a grand time; "Miss Omega" competitors were just as pretty; the Omega Sweetheart Song and the Omega Hymn sounded just as good.

Contestants for Queen were Gisele C. Thelemaque, Howard University; Wanda R. Moody, Howard University (first runner - up); Annette L. Hill, (second runner - up); Valerie A. Moore, (the Queen); Kerri A. Douglas, Robin D. Edmonds, special education, teacher; and Yolanda Pettifrew, all students at Howard University.

The queen, Valerie Moore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy D. Moore of Greensboro, N.C. (she's a sophomore with a major in accounting and was escorted by Omega man, Ernie Banks) was crowned by Brother William H. Deane, basileus of Alpha Omega Chapter and reigning queen, Stephanie L. Waters. Prior to the crowning Brother Kenneth Brown, third district representative, presented the entire Queen's Court and their escorts.

The Grand Promenade included all persons in costumes and was preceded by a Petite Promenade by costumed Omega Wives. Competition was divided into singles, couples and groups. Winners among "singles" were Sylvester Dory as a Thriller Gorilla and Charles Chestnut, a pirate.

William and Frances Ashe, as the Easter Bunny and Super Rabbit; Vanessa Darden and Johnie Fox as Alladin and his Genie, took the prize among the couples.

Delores Taylor and company as The Farmer in the Dell; Floyd Lewis and company, as The Lewis Health Club, won the prize among groups. Omega wife Kitty Flores as The Pet Lady Sings; Omega wife Francis Bolden as an Angel and Omega wife Hilda Wesley as an Indonesian Dancer were judged with honors for the prize for the most original costume.

Mrs. Robert Reed, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Marique, Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perpall, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beavers, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Flickinger, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruce Brown, Mrs. Etta Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Holland, Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Isaiah Burton, Mr. Conchita Nakashima, Barnard Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson, Capt. Maxwell Taylor (retired) and Mrs. Sayvoir, Mr. and Mrs. Herthan Kilgore, Geraldine Coleman and J. Aubrey Jackson.

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TV star, newsman tie knot in R.I.

I DO — Berlinda Tolbert "Jenny" on the TV series "The Jeffersons" is Valentines Day bride of NBC news manager, Bob Reid.

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO Staff Writer

"We had just been formally introduced. I asked him if he was married, and he replied no. I told him that he would be married soon." It was love at first sight!

Berlinda Tolbert, 26, who plays George Jefferson's daughter-in-law on television's "The Jeffersons", wed NBC Atlanta Bureau chief, Bob Reid, 31, less than two weeks after meeting him in Atlanta.

The couple met Feb. 3 when Miss Tolbert was in Atlanta for the Second Annual Bronze Jubilee Awards. They were married on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in Providence, Rhode Island after getting a family court judges wavier allowing them to wed without receiving results of her blood test.

This is the first marriage for the young actress and the second time around for Reid.

The AFRO contacted the new Mrs. Reid on Friday morning to chat with her about her new hubby and to find out just how the love bug happened to bite them so quickly.

"I had come to Atlanta only for a two-day stay. I was scheduled here to host the Second Annual Bronze Jubilee Awards for Public Television to which I have made a professional commitment to support.

"I had been previously told that a reception would be held in my honor at the home of Bob Reid. That was all well and good, but my flight to Atlanta had been delayed three times and I was too tired to think about going to a reception."

Berlinda said that out of courtesy she decided to go to the reception, but had informed all those responsible for getting her there that she would only stay 45 minutes to an hour.

When she arrived (of course, she was late because of the flight delays), Miss Tolbert found many guests there waiting to greet her. As she made her rounds, Miss Tolbert found her host, Bob Reid, playing backgammon with some friends.

"I was introduced to Bob and he welcomed me to Atlanta. This was the first trip to the beautiful city.

"Lots of peculiar things have happened to me before, but this was really peculiar.

"While we were going through our personal introductions, I asked Bob if he were married. By this time, he was showing me and some others through his beautiful home, and I just knew that any minute I would be meeting Mrs. Reid.

"Bob was kind of surprised that I asked him that question and began to stammer, but he finally got the word, 'No' out.

"My response to him was 'You soon will be.'

"It was all so strange. He looked like a family guy and really caught my interest. Through our conversation I realized that we had a lot in common.

"We truly developed a friendship in that short span of time."

Miss Tolbert was scheduled to leave Atlanta the next day but was unable to because of an ice storm. She decided to stay with an old schoolmate, Jim Smith, who resided in a small Georgia town.

During these few days, Bob kept in touch with Miss Tolbert by calling to see if she had been able to leave and if he could do anything for her.

"When the weather got a little better, Bob came and took me on a real tour of Atlanta. I was able to visit all its historical points and meet some of the people who have been so important to the city's growth, like Julian Bond.

"After a few days of this — we knew we loved each other and had very much in common — we wanted to share our lives with each other."

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Tolbert of Charlotte, N.C. She received her formal education in North Carolina and attended acting school in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In addition, the bride has studied acting in London and has toured with several acting companies in the South.

She has starred in plays throughout the country, including several off-Broadway productions.

The new Mrs. Reid's television career began some six years ago when she went to Los Angeles to star in several popular TV shows, including the "Streets of San Francisco."

It was during this time that she met actor, Michael Evans, the original 'Lionel' of "All In the Family." They played opposite each other in "The Streets of San Francisco."

"Three weeks later I received a telephone call from CBS asking me to come out and be cast for the role of 'Jenny' for a new television series, 'The Jeffersons,' a spin-off from the CBS series 'All In the Family,' said Mrs. Reid.

"I've never believed that the phone call was just a coincidence. I really think that people had been watching me and that Mike had recommended me for the part."

The then Miss Berlinda Tolbert secured the part and has been with the popular TV series since its beginning five years ago.

Reid was named chief of NBC News Bureau in Atlanta on Feb. 25, 1976. The Atlanta Bureau has responsibility for 10 states, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.

Previously, Reid was manager of Special Events for NBC News. He joined NBC in 1969 as a Network News Producer-Coordinator for the Cleveland Bureau moving on the following year to the Chicago office as field producer.

In 1971 he was named news manager for WKYC-TV, NBC-owned television station in Cleveland and in 1973 moved on to New York where he held a variety of positions, including Weekend News Manager, Assistant News Director and Assistant to the vice president, NBC News.

Reid began his journalism career in 1966 when he served as a cub reporter for the Miami Herald for two years. From 1968-69 he worked as a reporter and cameraman for WTVJ-TV in the same city.

Reid has one son from his first marriage, Sean Reid, age 9.

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R.S.V.P. with Marie

By Michele L. McRae

"The most exciting teenage program in the world. . . is what producers of the Seventh Annual Miss Black Teenage World Pageant say of their program as they announce that once again some $75,000 in college scholarships will be presented to the top 15 finalists in the 1979 pageant.

Ronald Charity, president and founder of the pageant, said, "We are now accepting applications from teenagers 15 to 17 years of age.

"Contestants compete in Sportswear, Creative Expression, Talent, Personal Projection and in Evening wear. Since the contestants demonstrate a maturity far beyond their teen years, we present college scholarships to our top 15 finalists. We have presented over $725,000 in scholarships over the past six years and have 80 former pageant finalists enrolled in colleges and universities throughout America."

Pageants are currently being organized throughout the country, Canada, Nassau and the West Indian Islands. The winners will represent their respective places in the World Finals. Where no official MBTW Pageant is held, teenagers may enter the World Pageant as At-Large contestants.

Persons interested in entering should write Mrs. Bertha Pratt, Pageant Coordinator at P.O. Box 1138, Danville, Va. 24541.

Charity also said, "Since 1973, our theme, "Reach Out Touch-A-Teen," has been most meaningful in working with teenagers around the world, and in 1979 we are expecting to reach thousands of young people and look forward to people throughout the country joining this effort. We are not a part of an affiliate or any other pageant program. We are a non-profit organization and are soliciting pageant patrons."

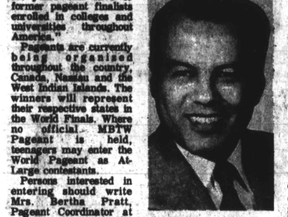
In Louisiana

Norman C. Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, has been elected president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, accrediting agency for more than 11,000 educational institutions in an 11-state area.

Francis, who will be sworn in later in the year, will lead in policy-making and board of trustees activities, according to a SACS spokesman.

He will oversee the Commission on Colleges, Commission on Elementary Schools, Commission on Secondary Schools and Commission on Occupational Education Institutions for the states of Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas, plus American schools in Latin American countries.

Francis just recently completed two-year term as chairman of both the College Entrance Examination Board and the SACS Commission on Colleges.



Norman C. Francis

In Florida

Florida A&M University's Orchesis Contemporary Theater has announced its spring performance, "A Concert in Dance: Africa To America," a dance concert based on the Alex Haley novel, Roots.

The story is told in three parts, using African and modern dance styles. The choreography of the segments "Homeland," "Passage" and "Struggle" represents a collaboration of ideas and movement from director Beverly Barber and Orchesis alumni Jaikym Stephens and Reginald Yates.

According to Barber, assistant professor of education at FAMU, "The concert depicts, through dance, a sequence of events in the lives of thousands of black people who were taken from their homeland, brought to America and sold into bondage.

The group opened its 1979 season with two out-of-town engagements.

Tuesday, February 13, Orchesis performed at Hurlburt Air Force Base (Ft. Walton Beach). The following Monday, Feb. 19, the concert was presented in the Great Hall, Commons Building, at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

"A Concert in Dance: Africa To America" will be performed in Tallahassee March 2-5.

Orchesis — The Greek word for the art of dance as performed by the chorus in Greek drama — was organized to allow FAMU students, faculty and alumni an opportunity to work together using dance as a form of artistic expression.

"Its primary purpose," says Barber, "is to provide a favorable environment for the creation of dances by members which are performed for the group's own artistic growth and the enjoyment and education of others."

Orchesis is strongly supported by a group of talented musicians who share their skill and creativity in providing original accompaniment for the performances.

In Jacksonville, Fla., The Minority Women's Coalition has become a reality under the leadership of Sallye B. Mathis.

The movement is a result of the International Women's Year Conference held in Houston last year. The 2,000 delegates of the conference presented their concerns, which were sent to President Carter and Congress as 36 resolutions asking for laws to effect, improve and enhance the lives of women in this country.

Elected as a Florida delegate to the conference, Ms. Mathis was sponsored by the YWCA of which she serves as a member of the board. She is serving her 11th year on the Jacksonville City Council.

In New York City

The New York Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is honoring seven prominent black jurists at its Annual Founders' Day Achievement Award Dinner Dance to be held on Friday, Feb. 23 at the Astorian Manor in Astoria, Long Island.

Honorees are Justice Herbert Evans of the Appellate Division, U.S. Custom Judge Scovel Richardson, Supreme Court Justices Amos Bowman, Oliver Sutton and Albert P. Williams and Criminal Court Judges Donald G. Covington and Livingston L. Wingate.

St. Louis

Congratulations and good luck to Mrs. Lillian Adams Parks of East St. Louis, Ill. who was recently elected as national president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. at the 23rd National Convention held in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Parks is the deputy superintendent of schools in East St. Louis School District 189. With her earliest endorsements coming from the East St. Louis Chapter and the Central Region of Jack and Jill, she is the first person to be elected president from that area.

BALTIMORE SHRINERS BALL — Herbert Terry, N.Y. State Education Department and behind him William R. Tolson, Secretary and Marion Harris, deputy of New York State Conclave have a fun-filled moment at Oasis No. 1 Shriners Ball in Baltimore. Here they present an elegant cane to Clifford R. Hazel, potentate. Elzie M. Williams, Imperial Deputy looks on.

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Laurel tenants face eviction

— More than 400 tenants of a Prince George's County apartment complex have been told by the county government they will have to find a new place to live by March 1.

County housing inspectors last week declared that unless thousands of building and fire code violations are corrected at the Pumpkin Hill Complex in Laurel, all 51 buildings at the complex will be destroyed.

The move is part of a crackdown by County Executive Lawrence Hogan on substandard housing. Since Hogan took office last month county officials have suspended the rental licenses of 18 apartment complexes and plan to hold hearing on the licenses of 16 more.

Officials of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development said they may resist county attempts to close Pumpkin Hill and similar developments that are federally - subsidized.

HUD Economist Al Goldstein said a court action to stop the county is "I assume what we have to do."

Goldstein said Hogan was "going overboard" and added that "we understand there have been some real, problems with projects like Pumpkin Hill, but we don't want to see all the people dislocated from them. We want to rehabilitate them."

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